

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council
Meeting Minutes - September 17, 2024

The meeting was called to order at the Southside Community Center at 6 p.m. by President, Carol Tomsic.

Attendance:

Members – Ginnie Henry, Carol Landa-McVicker, Ruth May, Jim May, Marcia Milani, Chuck Milani, Shawn Terjeson, Sally Phillips, Richard Sola, Dale Damron, Frank Trummel, Rob Tannerhill, Lisa Bowman, Carol Tomsic, Marilyn Lloyd, Brain Kennedy, Diane Shuman, Hadley Morrow, Kip Miday, Hank Reimann, Mairlyn Reimann, Jamie Bartlet, Maureen Leonard,

Guests – Angela Richardson, Annie Deasy, Yelena Yunin, Shelby Allison, Sgt Art Dollard, Devon Peone

Minutes

The minutes from the June, July, August and September meetings were approved with three abstentions from people who did not attend all of the meetings.

- Carol T. showed the poster that the kids made at the LHNC Meet Your Neighbor in the Park which was held in Thorton Murphy Park on August 17.
- The PFAS water analysis report was postponed to the October meeting as the lab results were not back.
- Carol T. reported that a lawsuit was filed against the City claiming the City of Spokane interfered with Douglass' property building application by adopting a new ordinance that bans drive-throughs on 29th Avenue. The ordinance was enacted as an emergency measure 10 days after Douglass' property submitted its building application.

Neighborhood update

- Carol T. reported that our council members were not able to attend tonight's meeting.
- Ryan Wilkerson, from SPD, was not able to attend, but did attend the Meet Your Neighbors in the Park Sponsored by Parks Department at Thorton Murphy Park event.

Land Acknowledgement

- Devon Peone from the Spokane Tribe talked about the history of our region from the Native American perspective including impact of the Great Flood, History of the tribe's relationship to the salmon and steelhead in our rivers and the efforts to reintroduce salmon into the Spokane River with funding from Bonneville Power.
- Devon invited the community to attend the Salmon Ceremony in Kettle Falls which is held each year on Summer Solstice.

SPD Report

- Sgt. Art Dollard gave an update on crime reports and responses in Lincoln Heights on this, his second day in our precinct. He reminded people to lock their cars, do not leave anything of value in your car, close garage doors and turn house lights on at night or have motion detectors.
- He reported that response time in Spokane is slow in part because of budget shortage and corresponding staff reductions. Comprehensive data on police responses can be found on the City Web Site: [Police CompStat Reports - City of Spokane, Washington](http://spokanecity.org/PoliceCompStatReports) (spokanecity.org)
- He reported that the mayor has proposed a ballot issue to increase the local sales tax by 0.1% that would, in part, restore the traffic unit, add 7 resource offices and replace equipment.

Street Mural 11th and Fiske

- Local Artist, Yalena Yunin, presented her proposal for the street mural. It will be voted on at a later date after modifications are made.

Library Update

- Angela Richardson gave an update on Fall Programs at the library.

Garden District Landscape Plan

- A map of the current landscape plan for the allee of trees in the Garden District was distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Landa-McVicker, Secretary.